

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-4. Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A ~~method for diagnosing~~ diagnostic assay for cancer or a pre-cancerous condition in a mammal, comprising:

(a) obtaining a cell or tissue sample from a mammal suspected of having cancer or a pre-cancerous condition and determining for said sample a gene copy number of a HSPC150 gene;

(b) determining a normal HSPC150 gene copy number in ~~comparing said gene copy number of step (a) to the gene copy number of the same gene from a sample of a corresponding~~ cell or tissue from a mammal of the same species not having cancer of the type being diagnosed;

(c) comparing said gene copy number and said normal HSPC150 gene copy number;

whereby a higher gene copy number ~~determined in step (a) relative to that in step (b)~~ indicates the presence of a cancer or pre-cancerous condition ~~in the mammal of step (a)~~ and results in a diagnosis of cancer or a pre-cancerous condition in said mammal.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein said mammal is a human patient.

7. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein said cancer is a member selected from breast cancer, colon cancer, lung cancer, prostate cancer, ovarian cancer, pancreatic cancer, cervical cancer and kidney cancer.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5 wherein the HSPC150 gene encodes the same gene product as ~~a~~ the polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 107.

9. (Withdrawn) A method of inhibiting cancer, or a pre-cancerous condition, in a mammalian cell, comprising contacting said cell with a molecule that inhibits function of a gene of Table 1.

10. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9 wherein said gene of Table 1 is a gene that encodes the same gene product as a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1 - 805 and 855 - 923.

11. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9 wherein said molecule inhibits gene function by binding to said gene.

12. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9 wherein said molecule inhibits gene function by binding to an RNA encoded by said gene.

13. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9 wherein said molecule inhibits gene function by binding to polypeptide encoded by said gene.

14. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9 wherein said molecule is a member selected from an antisense DNA, an antisense RNA, a ribozyme and an siRNA.

15. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9 wherein said cancer is a member selected from breast cancer, colon cancer, lung cancer, prostate cancer, ovarian cancer, pancreatic cancer, cervical cancer and kidney cancer.

16. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9 wherein said contacting occurs in vivo.

17. (Withdrawn) A method for identifying an agent having therapeutic activity in a human patient in need of said therapeutic activity, comprising:

(a) determining in a sample from a patient the level of a gene product encoded by a gene of Table 1 prior to administering a test compound to said patient;

(b) administering said test compound to said patient;

(c) determining in a sample from said patient the level of a gene product encoded by the same the gene as in step (a)

wherein a decrease in the level of said gene product in step (c) relative to step (a) identifies said test compound as an agent having therapeutic activity.

18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17 wherein said therapeutic activity is anticancer activity.

19. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17 wherein said cancer is a member selected from breast cancer, colon cancer, lung cancer, prostate cancer, ovarian cancer, pancreatic cancer, cervical cancer and kidney cancer.

20. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17 wherein said gene product is an RNA.

21. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17 wherein said gene product is a polypeptide.

22. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21 wherein said determination of said polypeptide is a determination of an enzyme activity.

23. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17 wherein said gene of Table 1 is a gene that encodes the same gene product as a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1 - 805 and 855 - 923.

24. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17 wherein said molecule is a member selected from an antisense DNA, an antisense RNA, a ribozyme and an siRNA.

25. (Withdrawn) A method for identifying an antineoplastic agent, comprising:
(a) contacting a test compound with a cell that expresses a gene of Table 1; and
(b) determining a change in gene expression as a result of said contacting;
whereby said change in said gene expression identifies said test compound as an antineoplastic agent.

26-27. (Canceled)

28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 25 wherein said gene of Table 1 encodes the same gene product as a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1 - 805 and 855 - 923.

29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 25 wherein said molecule is a member selected from an antisense DNA, an antisense RNA, ribozyme, an siRNA, a small organic molecule and an antibody.

30. (Withdrawn) A method for determining the cancerous status of a cell, comprising determining elevated expression in said cell of a gene of Table 1 wherein elevated expression of said gene indicates that said cell is cancerous.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 30 wherein said gene of Table 1 encodes the same gene product as a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1 - 805 and 855 - 923.

33. (Withdrawn) A method for identifying a compound as an anti-neoplastic agent, comprising:

(a) contacting a test compound with a polypeptide encoded by a gene of Table 1,
(b) determining a change in a biological activity of said polypeptide due to said contacting,

wherein a change in activity identifies said test compound as an agent having antineoplastic activity.

34. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 33 wherein said gene of Table encodes the same gene product as a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1 - 805 and 855 - 923.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 33 wherein said biological activity is an enzyme activity.

37-55. (Canceled)

56. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 33 wherein said polypeptide is contained in a cell.

57. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 33 wherein said molecule is a member selected from antisense DNA, an antisense RNA, a ribozyme, an siRNA, a small organic molecule and an antibody.

58. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 57 wherein said antibody is specific for a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 806 - 854.

59-61. (Canceled)

62. (Withdrawn) A method for treating cancer comprising contacting a cancerous cell with an agent first identified as having gene modulating activity using the method of claim 25, 33, or 58 and in an amount effective to cause a reduction in cancerous activity of said cell.

63-66. (Cancelled)

67. (Withdrawn) A method for treating cancer comprising contacting a cancerous cell with an agent having affinity for an expression product of a gene of Table 1 and in an amount effective to cause a reduction in cancerous activity of said cell.

68. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 67 wherein said expression product is a polypeptide.

69. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 67 wherein said molecule is a member selected from antisense DNA, an antisense RNA, a ribozyme, an siRNA, a small organic molecule and an antibody.

70. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 69 wherein said antibody is specific for a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from SEQ ID NO: 806 – 854.

71. (Withdrawn) A method for monitoring the progress of cancer therapy in a patient comprising monitoring in a patient undergoing cancer therapy the expression of a gene of Table 1.

72. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 71 wherein said gene encodes the same gene product as a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1 - 805 and 855 - 923.

73-74. (Cancelled)

75. (Withdrawn) A method for determining the likelihood of success of cancer therapy in a patient, comprising monitoring in a patient undergoing cancer therapy the expression of a gene of Table 1 wherein a decrease in said expression prior to completion of said cancer therapy is indicative of a likelihood of success of said cancer therapy.

76. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 75 wherein said gene encodes the same gene product as a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1 - 805 and 855 - 923.

77-78. (Cancelled)

79. (Withdrawn) A method for producing test data with respect to the anti-neoplastic activity of a compound comprising:

(a) identifying a test compound as having anti-neoplastic activity using a method of claim 25;

(b) producing test data with respect to the anti-neoplastic activity of said test compound sufficient to identify the chemical structure of said test compound.

80. (Withdrawn) A method for producing test data with respect to the anti-neoplastic activity of a compound comprising:

(a) identifying a test compound as having anti-neoplastic activity using a method of claim 33;

(b) producing test data with respect to the anti-neoplastic activity of said test compound sufficient to identify the chemical structure of said test compound.

81. (Withdrawn) A method for determining the progress of a treatment for cancer in a patient afflicted therewith, following commencement of a cancer treatment on said patient, comprising:

(a) determining in said patient a change in expression of one or more genes of Table 1; and

(b) determining a change in expression of said gene compared to expression of said one or more determined genes prior to said cancer treatment;

wherein said change in expression indicates progress of said treatment
thereby determining the progress of said treatment.

82. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 81 wherein said change in expression is a decrease in expression and said decrease indicates success of said treatment.

83. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 81 wherein said gene encodes the same gene product as a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1 - 805 and 855 - 923.